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MISSOULA--

College and university students in three northwest states--Idaho, Montana and Washington--are invited to apply for the University of Montana Summer Soviet Area Studies Program for 1976, Forest L. Grieves, associate professor of political science at UM, has announced.

Grieves, coordinator of the program on the Missoula campus, said the study abroad program will consist of six weeks of intensive Russian language and civilization courses in Moscow and Leningrad. The program will be from June 29-Aug. 23.

Courses will be taught in Russian by tutors from the Pushkin Institute of Russian Language in Moscow, the Academy of Sciences of the USSR, Leningrad State University and the Pedagogical Institute in Leningrad, sponsors of the program.

While in Russia, students will be able to earn nine credits in the Russian language, transferable to the University of Montana, and they may also earn six credits in political science through the UM Center for Continuing Education and Summer Programs.

Under the program, Grieves will teach two political science courses in English in the USSR.

The number of available openings is being limited by the Soviet authorities and early application is urged, Grieves said. The program is open to all interested college and university students. Students may apply for the program by contacting Grieves, Department of Political Science, University of Montana, Missoula, Mont. 59801.

Grieves said that the cost of the trip, which will include round trip transportation from San Francisco, hotel accommodations, meals and tuition, will probably be between \$2,000 and \$2,500.

In addition to the three-week stays in Moscow and in Leningrad, the students will stay in London for three days and will have 10 days independent travel time. Grieves said that the students will probably spend a portion of the extra 10 days in Europe.

Language classes, limited to eight students each according to the results of a placement test, will be included in the summer program. All levels of students are accepted, including beginners. Language classes will be each morning with the afternoons free, although there will be a number of special lectures and field trips. Lectures will be on Russian history, government, economics and the fine arts. Students will take field trips to selected historical and cultural sites.

Grieves said that the summer study program is one result of the effort to establish a comprehensive Soviet Area Studies Program at UM. The proposed comprehensive Soviet Area Studies Program is still being considered for final approval at the University of Montana.

"If there is sufficient student interest in summer studies in the Soviet Union, the present summer program will be offered on a regular basis," Grieves said.

UM instructors from various departments sponsoring the proposed Soviet Area Studies Program--including the history, foreign languages and political science departments--will alternate teaching in Russia during the summer, Grieves said.